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ISDH reports 162nd local COVID death

CDC still rates Wabash County's community spread level as high

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, Aug. 23, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported the 162nd COVID-19 death in Wabash County.

The latest local death was recorded by the ISDH on Sunday, Aug. 17. It was the third reported COVID-19 death in August in Wabash County after the 160th was recorded Wednesday, Aug. 3.

Meanwhile, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has continued to rate Wabash County's community spread level as being high.

According to the CDC, there are now 222.61 cases and 15.9 new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 residents.

"Wear a mask indoors in public and on public transportation. Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. Get tested if you have symptoms. If you are at high risk for severe illness, consider taking additional precautions," stated the CDC.

On Friday, July 1, the ISDH announced that the public may now schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for children through age 5 by visiting www.ourshot.in.gov.

Appointments are available for individuals seeking the Moderna vaccine for children ages 6 months through 5 years and the Pfizer vaccine for children ages 6 months through 4 years on the state's scheduling platform.

The ISDH stated they had updated its map to show sites that are offering vaccines for this age group. Appointments are recommended due to vaccine and provider availability. Individuals also can call 211 for assistance or contact their child's healthcare provider to determine if they are offering the vaccines.

However, as of this week, the ISDH lists a total of 273 sites in the state which are offering vaccines for this age group, but none of them are in Wabash County.

"Our website map shows sites that are publicly available," said ISDH media relations coordinator Megan Wade-Taxter in response to a Plain Dealer request on Wednesday, July 13. "However, private healthcare

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Pulse of Wabash

City concludes Crown Hill Drive work

The city has begun work on both the east and west sides of Crown Hill Drive. The Wabash Street Department began working on Tuesday, Aug. 30. Residents will experience times of limited access. However, residents will have access to their driveway by end of the day. The planned Street Department schedule for this project is: Tuesday, Aug. 30: Mill or remove 4 inches of asphalt. Wednesday, Aug. 31: Preparation for new asphalt. Thursday, Sept. 1: Start laying the first layer of asphalt. Friday, Sept. 2: Complete the first layer of asphalt. Tuesday, Sept. 6: Start the surface layer of asphalt. Wednesday, Sept. 7: Complete the surface layer of asphalt. The surface layer will be restricted from traffic to allow the asphalt to cool down. This schedule is subject to change due to weather, sub-base repair, mechanical breakdown, etc. For more information, call 260-563-3611.

Manchester University announces the fall Value, Ideas and the Arts series

Manchester University offers more than a dozen programs in its Value, Ideas the Arts (VIA) series for Fall 2022. Presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus unless otherwise noted. On Sept. 12, a panel of student-athletes will talk about what it is like to play college sports while being a full-time student. On Sept. 19, author Kali Fajardo-Anstine will speak about "Living the Stories" focusing on how and why she records and crafts stories about Latina women of indigenous descent living in the American West. There will also be a book reading and signing at 6:30 p.m. that Monday on the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center. Sept. 26, Manchester kicks off a series of programs on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights. Oct. 3, You Yes You! Project Founder and Executive Director Ericka Sanders will discuss her nonprofit organization designed to encourage incarcerated men to stay connected to their children. Oct. 10, a panel of Manchester

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"Assisted Living: The Musical" will make its way to Wabash at 2 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 at Eagles Theatre.

'Assisted Living: The Musical' coming to Wabash

Performance set for Thursday, Sept. 8 at Eagles Theatre

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

An assisted living facility might not be the first place you think of as a potential story setting for a raucous stage performance.

But, that's just what audiences will experience later this week when "Assisted Living: The Musical" makes its way to Wabash at 2 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 at Eagles Theatre.

"For more than a decade, sold-out audiences have laughed at the antics of 21st-century seniors partying at Pelican Roost, where 70-something is the new 20-something … only with looser skin," said Honeywell Arts & Entertainment digital marketing manager Kaitlynn Still. "The musical's writers portray 18 characters as they romp through an active senior living complex in a show that the San Francisco Examiner called 'wickedly funny.'

The show is "intended for mature audiences" and most seats are $20 and $30, with two show times being offered. Tickets are available by visiting www.honeywellarts.org or calling 260-563-1102.

During a recent phone interview, the show's creators and stars, Rick Compton and Betsy Bennett, took the time to discuss the origins of the show and how the musical is breaking down misconceptions about Baby Boomers.

Show origins

Compton said earlier in his life, he was confronted with a fork in his career path.

"Should I be a corporate guy or should I be a creative guy?" said Compton.

Compton said he had spent his 20s promoting rock 'n' roll shows in theaters and the performing arts centers in central Ohio. When he was about to turn 30, he decided he needed a change, so through an employment agency, he scored a job with a large hardware wholesaler company.

"I had entertainment and showbiz background and they'd never had anybody like me," said Compton. "So, I got to speak a lot for the corporation. I became like their spokesperson almost. I went around the country talking to dealers, talking to conventions and whatnot. It was really a terrific experience and it worked really well for about eight years."

Compton said it was at this time he confronted another crossroads in his professional life.

"Then, I said, 'Is this really what you want to do for the rest of your life?' I answered myself, 'no.' I left the Pittsburgh area and moved to Naples, Florida and became a creative guy," said Compton. "It was terrific. It was like a breath of fresh air. I mean I wore shorts and bicycled to my meetings. I'd meet my friends at the beach. The region we're in down here in Naples was such a fertile area at the time and still is and all sorts of interesting people were around to be interviewed. I wrote features mostly for glossy

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INVets, Veryable offers solutions to labor shortage

Staff REPORT

Grow Wabash County is calling on major employers, especially those in the manufacturing and logistics industries, to rethink their traditional ways of attracting and retaining talent and consider a new approach to employee recruitment, according to project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Parson.

In light of growing concerns and feedback surrounding the observed "labor shortage," especially in skilled trades, Grow Wabash County has worked closely with both INVets and Veryable to come up with strategies to help further develop Wabash County's pool of skilled workers.

"We are hearing very similar concerns from all of our major employers in Wabash County," said Grow Wabash County CEO and president Keith Gillenwater. "They are all in search of skilled workers to bring onto their teams and are eager to explore alternative strategies to attract the best candidates to fill these open spots. As one of our five pillars of service, Grow Wabash County has played an active role in developing our local workforce and considering new ways to connect with this next generation of talent."

In June, Grow Wabash County convened a meeting of CEOs and HR professionals representing major employers in Wabash County to share more information regarding the new frontiers for talent attraction and

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Wildflower Create & Take Trolley Tour tickets are on sale

Event is set to last from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

STAFF REPORT

Visit Wabash County has announced the release of the Wildflower Create & Take Trolley Tour, a new interactive trolley tour highlighting three wildflower farms in Wabash County, said executive director Christine Flohr.

"Spend the morning exploring three wildflower farms in Wabash County and creating keepsakes from each stop," said Flohr.

The Wildflower Create & Take Trolley Tour will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

This all-inclusive tour is limited to 34 people and the cost per ticket is $38.



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Trolley No.85 is shown here during the Historic Homes Tour.

"Wabash County has incredibly stunning wildflower farms bursting with color," said Visit Wabash County tourism manager Jennifer Long-Dillon. "There are a lot of interesting things people can do with wildflowers in addition to simply enjoying their beauty. This tour will offer insight into many of our native flowers.

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Native Pollinator Plant ID Workshop planned

Event is set for Sunday, Sept. 11 at Salamonie Lake

STAFF REPORT

Are you interested in attracting pollinators, including butterflies and bees, to your yard? Join Jake Wyatt from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11 at Salamonie Lake's Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, according to interpretive manager Teresa Rody.

"Participants will learn how to identify native plants essential to Indiana pollinators," said Rody.

Jake Wyatt, an Indiana Master Naturalist, will share his knowledge of native plant species. Wyatt is a Huntington County native whose hobby and passion for native versus ornamental species covers many years.

There will be an introductory indoor presentation about the importance of supporting native pollinators with native plants. An outdoor hands-on learning session will view native plants and pollinator species in their natural habitats.

"Dress for the weather, there will be some walking to locate plants. There will also be caravanning to locations within Lost Bridge West," said Rody.

The cost is $10 per person. Space is limited. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127.

The workshop is expected to last at least two hours and will be held rain or shine.

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State to tax loan forgiveness, similar to other states

By ARLEIGH RODGERS
Associated Press/Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana will tax student debt relief as income, reflecting similar policies in other U.S. states following the Biden administration's announcement of a forgiveness plan last month.

The Indiana Department of Revenue confirmed in an email to the Associated Press Tuesday that residents are required to list their forgiven loans as taxable income per Indiana law.

More than 40 million Americans could see their student loan debt cut or eliminated under President Joe Biden's plan, which is erasing $10,000 in federal student loan debt for individuals with incomes below $125,000 a year, or households that earn less than $250,000. Federal Pell Grant recipients could receive an additional $10,000 in federal forgiveness under the plan.

But depending on the state's tax rates, the taxpayer's other income, and the deductions and exemptions they're able to claim, residents could owe up to several hundred additional tax dollars on the forgiven loans.

Indiana's tax rate is 3.23 percent, meaning those who are eligible to receive $10,000 in federal loan forgiveness will pay up to $323 in taxes, while Pell Grant recipients could owe around $646, Natalie Rodriguez, communications manager for the Department of Revenue, told the Associated Press on Tuesday via email.

Residents must also pay additional county taxes on the forgiven loans. For Marion County, which includes Indianapolis, residents would pay between $200 and $400, Rodriguez said.

Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston said in a statement Tuesday he was aware of the state's policy and would "expect for conversations to continue as we head into the next legislative session," which begins January 2023.

Other states – Mississippi, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Arkansas and North Carolina – also tax forgiven debt as income, according to a tally by the Tax Foundation, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank.

Forgiven student loans will be subject to state income taxes unless states, including Indiana, change their laws to conform with a federal tax exemption for student loans.

Democratic state Rep. Rep. Greg Porter of Indianapolis condemned the policy in a statement Tuesday and said he was drafting legislation to retroactively eliminate state income tax on debt relief.

"I can't say I'm surprised Indiana has chosen to take a punitive stance on a policy meant to give working-class Americans relief, but there's still time to change this," he said.

East Mediterranean at risk as world heats up, report warns

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — The eastern Mediterranean and Middle East are warming almost twice as fast as the global average, with temperatures projected to rise up to 9 degrees Fahrenheit by the end of the century if no action is taken to reverse the trend, a new report says.

The region will experience "unprecedented" heat waves, more severe and longer-lasting droughts and dust storms and rainfall shortages that will "compromise water and food security" for the region's 400 million people, according to a summary of the report released Tuesday.

The eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East are more susceptible to warming trends because of their unique natural characteristics, like large desert expanses and lower water levels, the study said.

The report was prepared by an international group of scientists overseen by The Cyprus Institute's Climate and Atmosphere Research Center and the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry. Originally published in June in the journal Reviews of Geophysics, it aims to underscore the impact of climate change in the region ahead of the United Nations climate summit in Egypt this November.

Arid climate zones will expand northward and snow-capped mountains in more northern climes will diminish during this century, said Dr. George Zittis, who co-authored the report. Although the sea level in the region is projected to rise at a pace similar with other global estimates, many Mediterranean countries are unprepared to deal with it, he said.

"This would imply severe challenges for coastal infrastructure and agriculture and can lead to the salinization of coastal aquifers" warned Zittis. Saltier water from rising sea levels and low rainfall can severely damage crops and fisheries.

The region's most vulnerable groups, including the elderly, children and pregnant people, will face major health challenges, said Max Planck Institute Director Jos Lelieveld, who was part of the study.

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Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:17 a.m.

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Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 80°, humidity of 65%. North wind 5 to 9 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 57°. North wind 2 to 8 mph. Thursday, skies will be sunny, high of 79°, humidity of 57%. Northeast wind 3 to 6 mph. Thursday night, skies will be clear, overnight low of 59°.

Video fills in details on alleged Ga. election system breach

By KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Two months after the 2020 presidential election, a team of computer experts traveled to south Georgia to copy software and data from voting equipment in an apparent breach of a county election system. They were greeted outside by the head of the local Republican Party, who was involved in efforts by then-President Donald Trump to overturn his election loss.

A security camera outside the elections office in rural Coffee County captured their arrival. The footage also shows that some local election officials were at the office during what the Georgia secretary of state's office has described as "alleged unauthorized access" of election equipment.

Security footage from two weeks later raises additional alarms – showing two people who were instrumental in Trump's wider efforts to undermine the election results entering the office and staying for hours.

The security video from the elections office in the county about 200 miles southeast of Atlanta offers a glimpse of the lengths Trump's allies went in service of his fraudulent election claims. It further shows how access allegedly was facilitated by local officials entrusted with protecting the security of elections while raising concerns about sensitive voting technology being released into the public domain.

Georgia wasn't the only state where voting equipment was accessed after the 2020 presidential election. Important information about voting systems also was compromised in election offices in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Colorado. Election security experts worry the information obtained – including complete copies of hard drives – could be exploited by those who want to interfere with future elections.

"The system is only as secure as the people who are entrusted to keep it secure," said lawyer David Cross, who represents plaintiffs in a long-running lawsuit over Georgia's voting machines.

The Coffee County security footage was obtained through that lawsuit, which alleges that Georgia's touchscreen voting machines are vulnerable to attack and should be replaced by hand-marked paper ballots. The suit long predates and is unrelated to false allegations of widespread election fraud pushed by Trump and his allies after the 2020 election.

The alleged breach in Coffee County's elections office also has caught the attention of Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis, who is overseeing an investigation into whether Trump and his allies illegally tried to influence the 2020 election results in Georgia.

Last month, Willis cited the Coffee County activity, among other things, when she sought to compel testimony from Sidney Powell, an attorney who was deeply involved in Trump's effort to undo the election results.

Emails and other records show Powell and other attorneys linked to Trump helped arrange for a team from data solutions company SullivanStrickler to travel to Coffee County, which Trump won by nearly 40 percentage points.

The surveillance video, emails and other documents that shed light on what happened there in January 2021 were produced in response to subpoenas issued in the voting machine lawsuit and were obtained by The Associated Press. Parts of the security video appear to contradict claims by some of the local officials:

■ Footage captures Cathy Latham, then chair of the Coffee County Republican Party, arriving at the elections office shortly after 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 7, 2021, the day after the violent assault on the U.S. Capitol. Just a few weeks earlier, she was one of 16 Georgia Republicans who signed a certificate falsely stating that Trump had won the state and declaring that they were the state's "duly elected and qualified" electors.

A few minutes after her arrival, she is seen outside greeting SullivanStrickler Chief Operating Officer Paul Maggio and two other people. Less than 10 minutes later, she escorts two other men into the building.

The video shows her leaving the elections office just before 1:30 p.m., roughly two hours after she greeted the SullivanStrickler team. She returns a little before 4 p.m. and then leaves around 6:15 p.m.

Latham said under oath during a deposition in August that she stopped by the elections office that evening for "Just a few minutes" and left before 5 p.m. Pressed on whether she had been there earlier in the day, Latham said she couldn't recall but suggested her schedule as a teacher would not have allowed it.

A lawyer for SullivanStrickler said in an email attached to a court filing that Latham was a "primary point of contact" in coordinating the company's work and "was on site" while that work was done.

Robert Cheeley, a lawyer for Latham said in an emailed statement that his client doesn't remember all the details of that day. But he said she "would not and has not knowingly been involved in any impropriety in any election" and "has not acted improperly or illegally."

■ The video also shows Eric Chaney, a member of Coffee County's election board, arriving shortly before 11 a.m. the same day and going in and out several times before leaving for the night around 7:40 p.m. Lawyers for the plaintiffs in the voting machine lawsuit wrote in a court filing that a photo produced by SullivanStrickler's COO shows Chaney in the office as the copying is happening.

During a deposition last month, Chaney declined to answer many questions about that day, citing the Fifth Amendment. But when an attorney representing the county reached out to him in April regarding questions from the The Washington Post, Chaney wrote, "I am not aware of nor was I present at the Coffee County Board of Elections and Registration's office when anyone illegally accessed the server or the room in which it is contained." Chaney resigned from the elections board last month, days before his deposition.

Attempts to reach Chaney by phone were unsuccessful, and his lawyer did not respond to an email seeking comment.

■ About two weeks after the initial breach, video shows Misty Hampton – then the county elections director – arriving at the elections office at 4:20 p.m. on Jan. 18, when it was closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. She unlocked the door and let in two men – Doug Logan and Jeff Lenberg, who have been active in efforts to challenge the 2020 election results.

Logan founded Cyber Ninjas, which participated in a partisan and ultimately discredited review of the 2020 election in Maricopa County, Arizona. The two men remained inside until just after 8 p.m. and then spent more than nine hours there the next day. Lenberg returned for brief visits on at least three more days later that month.

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Obituaries

Rents are starting to come down, but the trend may not hold

By ADRIANA MORGA
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rents are starting to come down after spiking to record levels this past summer, but experts are uncertain if the slowdown will continue.

Christopher Mayer, professor of real estate at Columbia Business School, said people looking for an apartment now might have a better experience than they did in May or June.

"We're not seeing rents go up as quickly, the rental market is softening a little bit," he said.

The national median asking rent was up 14 percent in July over July the previous year, the smallest annual increase since November 2021, according to a new report from Redfin. While that percentage is still high, it has decreased from 15 percent in June and 16 percent in May.

Experts say the market could slow further toward the end of the year, but there's still a lot of uncertainty.

"I would not be surprised if we get to 2023 before things really get back to normal," said Brian Carberry, senior managing editor of Rent.com, an apartment search website owned by Redfin.

Much depends on where you live. Cities in Florida such as Boca Raton and West Palm Beach have seen rents decrease -0.1 percent and -0.5 percent respectively compared to last month. But according to Apartment List, rents in California coastal cities such as San Diego have continued to increase over the past year.

In Rochester, New York, rent was up 15.3 percent in August over the same month the previous year, according to data from Apartment List. An average two-bedroom apartment in the Rochester area was $1,318 in August, compared with $1,116 a year ago.

Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan said high rents are a concern because they can account for a big chunk of a household's take-home pay.

"Gas prices are coming back down, but rents are going up 10, 12, 15 percent. And rent can end up taking 40 percent of these households' income," Moynihan said in a recent Associated Press interview.

While things are looking a bit better for renters than a few months ago, it's still a landlords' market, Mayer said.

If your lease is up, staying put and negotiating with your landlord might be a better option than trying to move, at least until the rental market slows down further, said Paula Munger, assistant vice president for industry research and analysis at the National Apartment Association.

"When you renew your lease, you're definitely not paying the same as someone new moving in," Munger said. "If you can, stay in your apartment."

A major reason for rent spikes has been increasing demand from people priced out of a booming housing market. That market is starting to slow, which could mean more people can afford to buy and won't need to rent, but with interest rates rising, some may not want to take on mortgages.

"With inflation now all throughout the market, there's not enough supply so the prices are going up," Munger said. "That's the downside for people, just not having enough options and choices for what they would like in a housing unit."

That was the experience of Erika Tascon, a 22-year-old Los Angeles resident who was living with roommates but wanted to find an apartment with her boyfriend.

After visiting more than 10 units, the couple picked a 500-square-foot one-bedroom apartment in Beverly Hills where they pay $2,750 per month. The median rent for a one-bedroom in the area is $2,773, up 14 percent from last year, according to data from Zumper.

"I think landlords are taking advantage of tenants right now," said Tascon, who is paying $200 more per month than for her previous apartment.

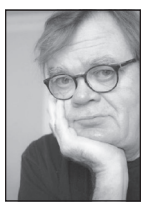
In Britni Eseller's case, the high demand meant that she had to rush to fill out her application to beat the other 10 people who toured the apartment she wanted.

"Because everyone is in scarcity mode, you're willing to find a place that might be somewhat affordable and you're unfortunately okay with overlooking chipped floors or a broken appliance," said Eseller, who lives in North Park, a neighborhood of San Diego.

Developers have ramped up construction of apartment buildings this year, which could eventually help to ease the crunch. But it's likely to take a while before that's reflected in the market.

What was done for me back in Minnesota

Garrison Keillor



There is vast kindness in this world and right now I am resting in it, astonished by it, a man who in the space of 48 hours went through an ablation procedure to calm wild heart arrhythmia and then a heart valve replacement and a valve repair. I climbed aboard the gurney for the first procedure, an adult male of 80, and was borne away from the second in an infantile state, helpless, somewhat hallucinatory, a disastrous life change for a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and through it all I was aware of the young women and men in blue scrubs who were at my side, making friendly small talk while checking tubes and adjusting pillows. They asked me to squeeze their hands, wiggle my fingers, look into a bright light, push up against their hand pulling my foot down, smile, raise my eyebrows, follow their finger with my eyes, and when I did they said, "Awesome," "Fantastic," "Excellent." I said, "A person doesn't have to do much to win praise around here" and they laughed. It was the only useful thing I could do, make them laugh, so I became a lie-down comedian, interpreting literally what they said: "Oh, we are going to have a bowel movement now? Fine, you go first and I'll watch and see how it's done."

I was at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, but of course, it could've been one of dozens of hospitals. These angelic beings in blue are a widespread tribe and you may not be aware of their existence – I was not – unless you're in extreme need. A bedridden old man in the thrall of dark visions is in deep need. "What can we do for you?" they asked; I said, "Make me a better person."

I tried to pee into a small plastic urinal and peed inaccurately down my left leg and a woman cleaned it up. I apologized. "Happens all the time," she said. After a series of bowel softeners, I felt movement in my innards and pressed the Call button and pushed my walker toward the toilet and got tangled up in a couple of IV tubes and left a path of shit across the floor and said I was sorry to the woman in blue and she laughed and said, "That's what we're here for."

What astonishes me is the motivation of men. Back in my day, women went into nursing because they were good people, men wanted to be big shots and VIPs, maybe jerks. I wanted to be a bestselling author, be admired, and get extravagant reviews in the Times. I'm over it now. I write because I want to tell you about these people who meant so much to me. I took a shower with the help of two women, a naked old man sitting on a bench under warm water, being scrubbed down, the tape removed from the incision, the scar gently patted down with liquid soap – there was nothing erotic about it, not a single dirty joke flashed to mind, only astonishment at these two. Nursing is the occupation that comes closest to what Jesus told His followers to do – heal the sick, whatsoever you do for the poor you do for me. Bathing the poor, feeding them, adjusting their pillows, making small talk to reassure them of their humanity.

The men and women nurses I met were so much of a type, solid, unfailingly polite, prepared to lift or scootch or straighten a tangle of wires, ready to explain medical science to me who knows nothing. You press the button, they're there.

America is a Protestant country and we skipped the foot-washing, love-thy-neighbor aspects of the faith, preferring preaching, and performance art that lets you despise your neighbor and thereby raise yourself up. Our politics today is tortured by its Protestantism. The Sisters of St. Mary who founded this hospital may have inherited some dreadful theology but they took a better path, they lay hands on the suffering, they soothed the fevered brow, they lifted the fallen.

I preached this to a young man as he cleaned out my IV and he was amused to be considered saintly. He grew up on a farm and got a job in a nursing home. "I knew I could be good at this. I liked playing music but I wasn't good enough. And I wanted to bring up my family in my hometown." Still, I feel there's a new style of manhood forming, part of the vast kindness. I owe my life to these people and I am profoundly grateful. I'm jumping up and down and pissing in my pants, doing the urinal dance.

Garrison Keillor is the author of two new books, "Lake Wobegon Virus" and "That Time of Year (a memoir)."

Janice 'Jan' Vandegrift

Sept. 2, 1932 – Sept. 5, 2022



Janice "Jan" Vandegrift, 90, of rural LaFontaine, Indiana, died at 4:35 am, Monday, Sept. 5, 2022, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was born on Sept. 2, 1932, in Wabash, Indiana, to James William "Bill" and Hazel Jane (Garrison) Vandegrift.

Jan was a 1950 graduate of Linlawn High School. After graduation, she started working at Wilkinson's Lumber Yard. She also worked at General Tire before going to Marion to work as an accountant for Byrd Lumber Company. She took over as a manager after her boss passed away. At that time Byrd and South Marion Lumber had combined as Lumbertown. Jan continued there until her retirement in 1991. She was known to all the contractors as the "go to" person. Jay Ferguson helped Jan manage the yard in South Marion and took over after her retirement. Jan was a very kind and loving person. She loved sports, especially IU Basketball, all animals, especially her dog Gracie, her friends, and most of all her family and God. Jan was a member of Wabash Friends Church.

She is survived by her brother-in-law, Joe Howard of Roann, Indiana, niece, Becky (Kendall) Pitts of North Manchester, Indiana, nephew, Michael (Tammy) Howard of Urbana, Indiana, sister in Christ, Rita Smith of LaFontaine, adopted daughter, Debra (Dave) McGowan of The Dalles, Oregon; great nephews, Christopher (Lora) Cartwright, Adam (Angie) Cartwright, Seth (Tiffany) Cartwright, J.P. (Dana) Pitts, Tim (Shellie) Pitts, Chad (Lea) Howard, Cale (Paige) Howard, Caton (Nicole) Howard, and Cameron Howard, as well as several great great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister, Maxine Lucille Howard.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, at Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S. State Road 13, Wabash, with David Phillips and Brandon Eaton officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-7 pm Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Animal Shelter of Wabash County or to the Wabash Friends Church (Onward to the goal fund) would be appreciated.

The memorial guest book for Jan may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Gregory Allen Clark

Oct. 6, 1956 – Sept. 1, 2022

Gregory Allen Clark, 65, North Manchester, died Sept. 1, 2022. The son of Harold "Sparky" and Lois (Hetler) Clark, Gregory was born on Oct. 6, 1956 in Huntington County.

Greg is survived by his son, Daniel (Alicia) Clark; daughters, Jessica (Terry) Grinslade, and Rachel (Kiowa) Ackley; brothers, Steven (Donna) Clark and Michael Clark; sister, Rhonda (Kim) Bradley; and three grandchildren, Tysen Grinslade, Tristin Grinslade, and Isabella Ackley.

Calling Monday, Sept. 5, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R. 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Robert L. 'Bob' Frantz

Oct. 25, 1922 – Sept. 4, 2022

Robert L. "Bob" Frantz, 99, North Manchester, died Sept. 4, 2022. The son of the Jacob and Ethel E. (Renicker) Frantz, Bob was born in Liberty Mills, on Oct. 25, 1922.

He is survived by his son, Brent Frantz; daughter, Marlene (Andy) Pletcher; two grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Calling Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley Street, North Manchester.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Michael H. Christman

May 2, 1949 ~ Sept. 3, 2022

Michael H. Christman, 73, of North Manchester, Indiana, passed away on September 3, 2022.

There will be a Celebration of Life to be announced at a late date.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

MUSICAL

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regional magazines and being an affluent area we had maybe three or four different high-quality glossy magazines and I was fortunate to be able to write for all of them."

Compton said during this time he started a local street painting fair, which he later franchised to over a dozen other cities. He even wrote a street painting book for children.

Compton said it was while he was working as a freelance writer that he also worked in the local theater's pit orchestra as a pianist. This was where he met his creative partner, Bennett.

"She was on stage doing shows and I was in the pit and so our paths crossed frequently and we got to know each other that way," said Compton.

Bennett said Compton and they started putting on local satirical, political and social shows for several years in Naples, Florida.

Bennett said after one performance, one of the organizers asked if they could come back again, with one catch.

"We said, 'Yes, sure no problem.' She says, 'It's in about three months.' We said, 'Oh, that's great, that's terrific.' She said, 'Yeah, but I've got to have the title now because the brochure goes to print next week.' And we go, 'Oh, ok.' And we look around and we see somebody loading a walker into their car. And Rick said, 'Hey how about something on assisted living?'" said Bennett.

"And Betsy gives me an elbow and goes, 'Yeah, right. 'Assisted Living: The Musical,'" said Compton.

And that was where it all began.

"We began seeing characters who we could caricature and capitalize on their eccentricities," said Compton. "All of the people in this show are people we know and love or composites of people we've worked with and had over to our house and that's what gives the show a different flavor."

Growing the audience

Compton said the first major piece of press they received on the show was when a regional review wrote a story which picked up by the Associated Press. That story eventually appeared in about 180 newspapers around the world.

"We said to ourselves, 'We need to get some help with this. This is beyond our abilities.' We started going through our showbiz Rolodex and we found through friends and family a producer in New York who was willing to come down and give us a listen and he did," said Compton. "He loved it. He hired a director."

Compton said from there they went to New York City, where the show went through two equity workshops.

"(It is) a theatrical process where your show gets sliced and diced and reconstructed," said Compton. "And appropriately so. It was fun to do. They had a cast of seven equity actors and in our show Betsy and I perform all the 18 characters ourselves. Each of us play nine characters with quick costume changes. And some clever traffic management. ... They did the show and then we took it back and we began doing it. We picked up an agent. The agent began booking us around the country."

"We've been having a ball," said Bennett.

Fun for Baby Boomers and Millennials alike

Compton said their main audiences are Baby Boomers, but Millennials may find more fun in the show than they may expect.

"We are not making fun of old people or anything like that. There's no Depends jokes or sad songs. There's none of that kind of stuff. We're viewing aging as what happens to senior citizens daily," said Compton. "To many, it's a revelation because their only exposure to older people has been their family. And their family is not going to reveal to them the reality of their day-to-day life any more than the kids reveal to the Boomers the reality of their day-to-day life. A Millennial might come to a table full of Millennials and talk about sex for instance very casually amongst their friends because that's a normal part of the conversation. Well, it's a normal part of the conversation with old people too, it's just that we're just not going to do it over the Thanksgiving turkey with our family there. So they're a bit surprised to see the values and life represented, admittedly in caricature. … This is not a serious piece at all. It's buffoonery. They're surprised to see the social concerns of those folks. Because the only thing they hear from their elderly parents is, 'Oh, I ache so much,' and, 'I had a doctor's appointment on Tuesday.' 'I'm on a fixed income.'"

"This generation is far more active. They're out doing a lot," said Bennett.

Compton said before the Baby Boomers had children they were "hard partiers" who may find this season of their lives held the same opportunities for fun.

"Now, we're not raising a family anymore. They're gone. There are no more work pressures. We're retired. And we probably have a pension or Social Security. The people we're talking to are financially stable. And if you remove those responsibilities of work and family from folks were hard partiers," said Compton. "There's more of that to aging than what it has been in the past or perhaps young people who do not have older friends realize. I moved here to Naples when I just turned 40. And so I was looking at these folks and looking at their lifestyle and thinking, 'Man, this is terrific. They've got no alarm clock. The drugs are federally subsidized.' And that's the way they look at life too. And that's the way this show looks at life."

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Grow Wabash County hosted a Lunch and Learn earlier this summer with INVets and Veryable.

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development.

INVets

INVets is a nonprofit organization that partners with the state of Indiana that focuses on promoting all of the opportunities available in Indiana for veterans transitioning to civilian life. Part of this work includes working with major employers to market their job openings and communities to attract, retain and develop our state's veteran workforce.

"INVets wants to offer employers a talent resource outside of our state's border and help them build a talent pipeline with our transitioning military population," Brian Evans, outreach and partnerships manager at INVets, said. "Working with us as we target this population, you gain a large network of skilled, disciplined and qualified candidates free of charge. There is so much opportunity in Wabash, not just with employment but with the quality of life the community offers. …We need dedicated employers to help us get that conversation started."

For more information, email brian@invets.org.



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Veryable

Veryable is a tech company responsible for developing an app that allows manufacturing employers and prospective employees to connect via an online marketplace, which allows for people to "bid" to pick up shifts at these businesses. This focus on recruitment through "on-demand" labor, as opposed to traditional full-time or part-time work, allows for flexibility for users as well as for employers facing difficulties in operating with a full staff.

"Veryable's focus is on helping companies grow by becoming more operationally competitive and giving them access to an infinite amount of skilled, experienced labor," Joshua Mote, director of partnerships for Veryable, said. "By adding a flexible component to your current workforce you can scale up as your business grows and ramp down if volume pulls back, enabling growth and protecting your margins, with zero cost to scale."

For more information, email jmote@veryableops.com or visit www.growwabashcounty.com/veryable.

From there, Mote or someone from the Veryable team will meet with the employer to discuss how Veryable can impact their operations.

"Grow Wabash County continues to be committed to helping further develop our local workforce to meet the needs of our local employers as well as prepare for the future of talent attraction and retention efforts in the manufacturing and logistics industries," said Parson.

DEATH

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providers also may have the vaccine for this age group but are not listed on the site because they serve existing patients. We encourage parents to check with their child's private healthcare provider to see whether they have doses for those ages 6 months to 5 years."

On May 20, the ISDH announced that Hoosiers ages 5 to 11 are eligible for a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. On March 30, the ISDH announced that Hoosiers age 12 and older who have weakened immune systems and individuals age 50 and older who received a booster dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least four months ago are eligible for a second booster. Now, the ISDH is advising vaccine providers that they may also begin administering boosters of the Pfizer pediatric vaccine to children ages 5 to 11 whose last dose was administered at least five months ago.

According to the ISDH, in Wabash County, there are three vaccination locations available including CVS Pharmacy, 486 N. Cass St.; Kroger Pharmacy, 1309 N. Cass St.; and Wal-Mart Pharmacy, 1601 N. Cass St. The Kroger Pharmacy location is vaccinating children ages to 5 to 11, and individuals 12-plus. To schedule appointments at this location, call 866-211-5320.

For more information, visit www.health.in.gov.

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Manchester PGx to maintain new national drug-gene database

By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University students and faculty in the pharmacogenomics (PGx) program are taking an active role in maintaining a nationwide database that cross-references drug-gene interaction information in clinical guidelines with U.S. Food and Drug Administration data.

Its partner in the project, the Personalized Medicine Coalition, released the first quarterly listing of the database on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Going forward, this resource will be updated each quarter, and much of the work will be done by a Manchester team that includes students in the Master of Science in PGx degree program and the dual degree program that allows students to earn a doctoral degree in pharmacy and the PGx master's degree. Pharmacogenomics studies the relationship between an individual's genetics and their response to a medication, and allows physicians and other clinicians to prescribe drugs to maximize therapy early on and avoid or decrease the risk of adverse effects.

This listing will be a resource that puts in one place the latest scientific thinking in personalized medicine with other current information from the FDA's Table of Pharmacogenetic Associations and those listed in widely consulted clinical guidelines published by the Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium.

Because it will be updated every quarter, it will help researchers, genetic test developers and health care decision-makers keep up with the latest information and reduce the effect of sometimes conflicting information in the fast-evolving area of personalized medicine.

Anne Gregory is the communications and media relations director for Manchester University.

WORKSHOP

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This workshop is supported by Indiana DNR and Upper Wabash Invasives Network (UWIN).

For more information, visit https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake or dnr.IN.gov.



Jake Wyatt leads a Spring Wildflower ID workshop at Salamonie Lake.

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TROLLEY

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I am excited to share this immersive tour with the public and am grateful to Eclectic Shoppe for sponsoring the event."

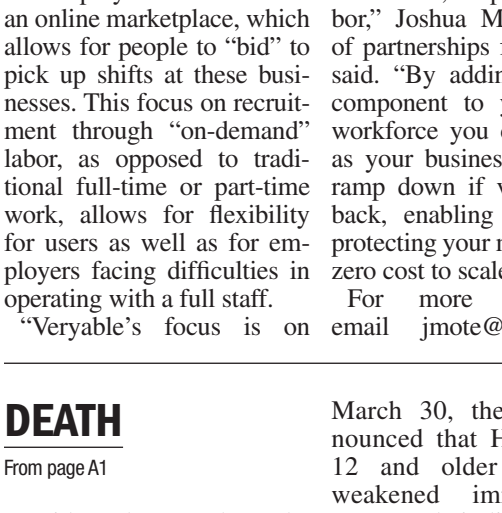
The tour will leave from the Welcome Center in downtown Wabash and make its way to Catey Heritage homestead where tour participants will learn about the symbolic meaning of each wildflower and will make their hair clip with locally dried flowers. The tour also includes exploring Wild Blooms and Spring Hill Farms and hearing about the medicinal purposes of a variety of native wildflowers. Each stop includes creating a take-home keepsake made at each stop along the tour.

Along with the keepsakes, included in the ticket price are refreshments from Bailey's Pizza Parlor, Modoc's Market, lavender-infused martinis and lemonade and peppermint tea. The tour will conclude with a stop at the Eclectic Shoppe where guests will receive a special gift and in-store discounts reserved exclusively for attendees that day.

"I am always impressed with the level of creative ideas the team at Visit Wabash County comes up with to encourage visitors to our area," said Eclectic Shoppe owner Maria Smyth. "I think I am just as excited about this tour as the staff at Visit Wabash County."

Trolley No. 85 tour programs are supported by the city of Wabash, J.M. Reynolds Oil Company, and other local partners.

For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com/trolley-tours.



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U.N. agency calls for safety zone around Ukraine nuclear plant

By HANNA ARHIROVA
Associated Press



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A Ukrainian soldier fires on the front line in the Donetsk region, eastern Ukraine, on Saturday.

KYIV, Ukraine — The U.N. atomic watchdog agency urged Russia and Ukraine on Tuesday to establish a "nuclear safety and security protection zone" around the Zaporizhzhia power plant amid mounting fears the fighting could trigger a catastrophe in a country still scarred by the Chernobyl disaster.

In a report following a visit by an inspection team last week, the International Atomic Energy Agency said "shelling on site and in its vicinity should be stopped immediately to avoid any further damages to the plant and associated facilities, for the safety of the operating staff and to maintain the physical integrity to support safe and secure operation."

"This requires agreement by all relevant parties to the establishment of a nuclear safety and security protection zone" around the plant, it said.

IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi, who led the inspection visit, was due to brief the U.N. Security Council later Tuesday on his findings.

Shelling continued around Europe's largest nuclear plant on Tuesday, a day after it was again knocked off Ukraine's electrical grid and put in the precarious position of relying on its own power to run its safety systems.

Normally the plant relies on power from the outside to run the critical cooling systems that keep its reactors and its spent fuel from overheating. A loss of those cooling systems could lead to a meltdown or other release of radiation.

"For radiation protection professionals, for the Ukrainian and even the Russian people, and those of central Europe, this is a very worrying time – and that's an understatement," said Paul Dorfman, a nuclear safety expert at the University of Sussex in England.

Russian-installed officials accused Ukrainian forces of shelling Enerhodar, the city where the plant is situated, while the Ukrainians said Kremlin forces attacked the city of Nikopol, across the Dnieper River from the power station.

The Ukrainian mayor of Enerhodar, Dmytro Orlov, reported a powerful blast in the city around midday. The explosion left the city of 53,000 cut off from its power and water supplies. It wasn't immediately clear what caused the blast.

World leaders have called for the demilitarization of the plant, which has been occupied by Russian forces since the early days of the war but is being run by Ukrainian engineers.

In its report, the IAEA did not assign blame for the shelling at the plant. The agency has sought to keep out of the political fray.

It did note that on several occasions, the plant lost, fully or in part, its off-site power supply because of military activity in the area. The U.N. agency said a backup power supply line should be reestablished and asked that "all military activities that may affect the power supply systems end."

In addition, the IAEA warned that the Ukrainian staff operating the plant under Russian military occupation is "under constant high stress and pressure, especially with the limited staff available" – a situation that could "lead to increased human error with implications for nuclear safety."

It recommended that "an appropriate work environment, including family support," be reestablished.

The IAEA also said the staff is not being given unrestricted access to some parts of the plant and must get permission from the Russian occupying forces to reach the cooling ponds where spent fuel is kept. Grossi expressed concern that that could hamper the staff's response in an emergency.

The report said the team saw Russian military personnel, vehicles and equipment at various locations, including several military trucks on the floor of two turbine halls. It called for "the removal of vehicles from areas that could interfere with the operation of safety and security systems and equipment."

Two inspectors from the IAEA mission remained at the plant, a decision welcomed by Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak.

"There are Russian troops now who don't understand what's happening, don't assess the risks correctly," Podolyak said. "There is a number of our workers there, who need some kind of protection, people from the international community standing by their side and telling (Russian troops): 'Don't touch these people, let them work.'"

On Monday, the IAEA said Ukrainian authorities reported that the plant's last transmission line linking it to the nation's power grid was disconnected to allow workers to put out a fire caused by shelling.

Ukrainian Energy Minister Herman Halushchenko told Ukrainian television: "Any repairs are impossible at this point – there are ongoing hostilities around the plant."

In the meantime, the plant's only remaining operational reactor will "generate the power the plant needs for its safety and other functions," the IAEA said.

Mycle Schneider, an independent analyst in Canada on nuclear energy, said that means the plant was probably functioning in "island mode," or producing electricity for its own operations.

Uvalde students go back to school for 1st time since attack

By PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Students in Uvalde went back to school Tuesday for the first time since a gunman killed 19 children and two teachers in a classroom attack that shocked the country and helped fuel passage of a landmark national law on gun violence.

Children began arriving at Uvalde Elementary before dawn, walking through newly installed 8-foot metal fencing that surrounds the campus and past a state trooper standing guard outside an entrance.

Colorful flags hung inside the hallways, and teachers wore turquoise shirts that read "Together We Rise & Together We Are Better" on the back. State troopers were parked on every corner outside the school.

The district announced in late June that the scene of the assault, Robb Elementary, would be permanently closed and eventually torn down, though a timeline has not been set. Fundraising is underway for the construction of a new elementary campus.

Ashley Morales planned to put her son, Jeremiah, back in class because she has no other choice as a working single mother. She said she would drop him off outside Uvalde Elementary because parents were not allowed inside.

"I'm just nervous, scared," said Morales, whose son was a third grader last year at Robb Elementary and lost three friends in the May 24 massacre. During a recent "Meet the Teacher" night, she felt a rush of anxiety walking down the school hall.

"Oh my gosh, it's actually going to happen," she said. "School is going to start."

Teachers hugged students climbing out of cars in the drop-off line and guided them toward a line of teachers who were waiting behind the fence.

"Good morning, sunshine!" one teacher could be heard saying. "You ready to have a good school year?"

Celeste Ibarra, 30, had a knot in her stomach as she got her 9- and 8-year-old children ready and kissed them goodbye. She used to believe students their age should not have cellphones, but after a summer of active-shooter drills she changed her mind.

"I was scared, just scared I won't get them back," Ibarra said, standing in her front yard across the street from Uvalde Elementary.

School started weeks ago in many parts of Texas, but district officials pushed back the first day of class in Uvalde after a summer of heartache, anger and revelations of widespread failures by law enforcement officers who allowed an 18-year-old gunman to fire inside adjoining fourth grade classrooms for more than 70 minutes.

Uvalde school officials said several enhanced security measures are still incomplete, including the installation of additional cameras and new locks.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has committed to putting nearly three dozen state troopers on Uvalde campuses. But that was of no comfort to some families since more than 90 state troopers were present during the attack.

More than 100 families in Uvalde signed up for virtual school, while others pulled their kids out of the district and enrolled them in private schools. One teacher who was shot in the abdomen and survived, Elsa Avila, is still recovering.

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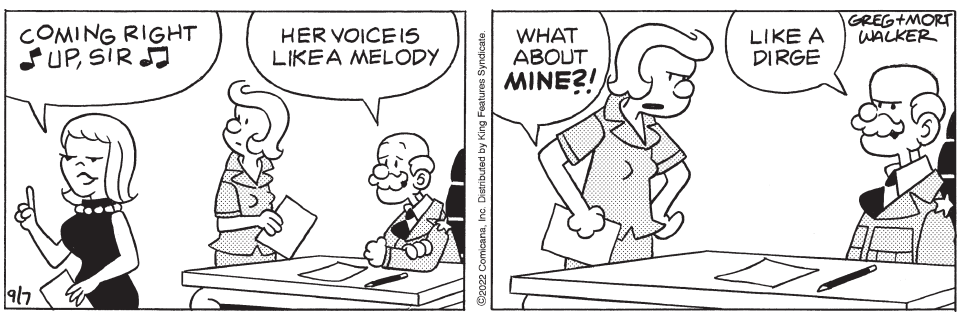
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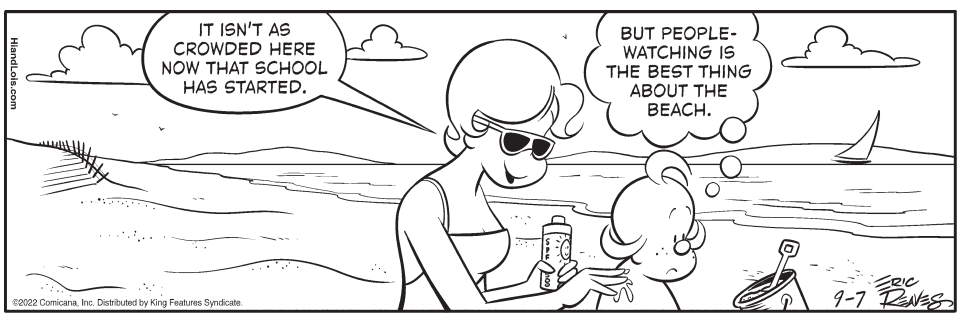
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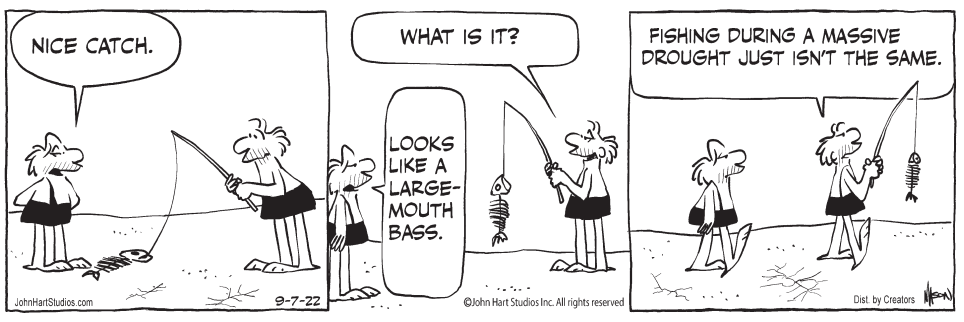
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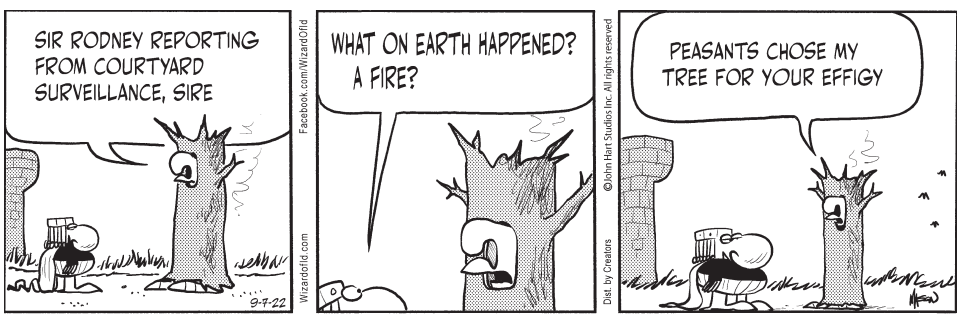
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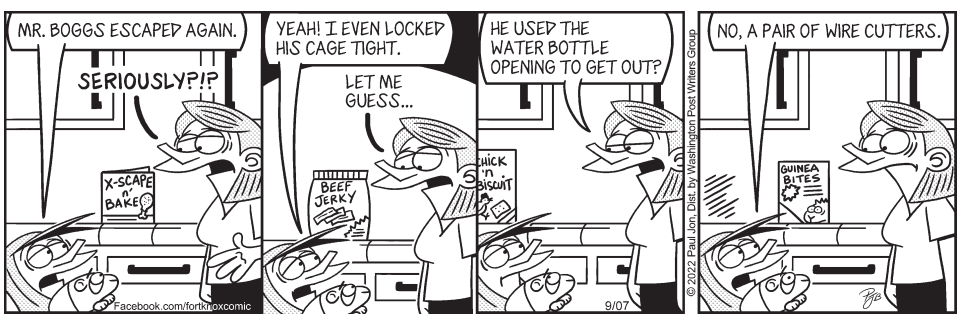
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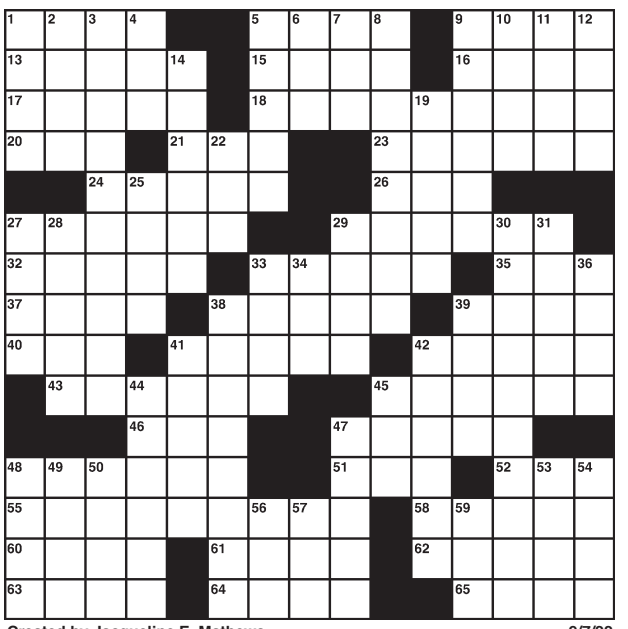
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

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9 Up in __; fuming
13 First phase
15 Residence
16 Ski resort west of Denver
17 Weasel's relative
18 In __; living
20 In favor of
21 Flock femme
23 Like sunglasses
24 Actor Ed
26 __ McMuffin; breakfast order
27 1950s or 1960s, e.g.
29 Like a slimeball
32 Enlighten
33 Transparent
35 Propel a boat
37 Cutting tool
38 Recipe verb
39 Ice cream concoction
40 "Let sleeping dogs __"
41 Explosion
42 Frolicsome leap
43 Respect highly
45 In an impartial way
46 "Morning __ Broken"
47 __ Gras
48 Rest
51 Hubbub
52 Koch & Sheeran
55 Italian & Ranch
58 Ease; slacken
60 Urgent
61 Of ships & seamen: abbr.
62 Skier's surface
63 Weeps
64 Health clubs
65 Actor Gwynne

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2 "__ bigger and better things!"
3 Excludes from a group
4 Brian of "Chicago Med"
5 __ up; be happy again
6 Smoked salmon
7 Parisian pal
8 Bugged
9 Get even for
10 Carry on
11 Lab animals
12 Iditarod vehicle
14 Fashionable
19 Wild feline
22 Teeny
25 Not in harm's way
27 Good buy
28 Man's nickname
29 Gumball price, back in the day
30 Store owner
31 Alpine goatherd's song
33 Shut noisily
34 "__ Just Not That Into You"; '09 film
36 Cautious
38 Godsend
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41 NFL team
42 Christmas songs
44 Grad school papers
45 Passing craze
47 Ship poles
48 Betting numbers
49 Small musical group
50 Sage or thyme
53 Hoodwink
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56 Thumbs-down vote
57 Black Jack, for one
59 North Pole toy maker



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Today's solution

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Hoarder in the house causes stress

Amy Dickinson
Ask Amy



DEAR AMY: My spouse (D) and I have been happily married (second marriages) for 25 years. We have adult children and grandchildren and are a very happy family.

D is a paper hoarder. D's small office is a labyrinth of piles that fall over and slither across the floor. The bookshelves are packed.

Because the office is basically unusable, the dining room table becomes a substitute desk.

Our basement is full of moldy boxes mostly full of paper stuff. Under beds and an unused bedroom are likewise filling up.

I keep ahead of the paper elsewhere in the house, putting it in D's office to keep the other rooms clear. I intercept the mail so I can throw away the junk immediately.

Bringing this up elicits a lot of anger or passive resistance.

We have hired organizers, but my experience is that the current piles get thinned and filed (slowly and over days), but there is no concurrent re-training, and the piles just grow again.

D experiences a lot of frustration when needed stuff can't be found, and often important documents or mail disappear into the piles, with bills not being paid, etc.

I need advice on how to help with this and to protect myself and our house from the paper avalanche. I worry about fire and bugs, but more about D's happiness. – Buried

DEAR BURIED: Any "decluttering" will only provide a temporary respite – but the positive news is that "D" is somewhat cooperative, although you can see the anxiety brought on by both the problem and its consequences.

Hoarding disorder (HD) is a serious and persistent disorder that has been linked to anxiety and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

You and D should switch all of your accounts to have online access, in order to have your bill paying, utilities, banking, and retirement accounts accessible to both of you at all times – and paperless. This will decrease the amount of paper coming into the house, and should keep both of you on track with bill paying – greatly reducing frustration.

You should not shame or blame D, but recognize hoarding as a serious challenge. Some hoarders respond to a "harm reduction" strategy, versus a focus on simply getting rid of things: "I'm worried about fire. Can we work together to reduce the paper by one-third to reduce the risk to our house?"

Two helpful resources for family members of hoarders: Hoarding.iocdf.org, and the book "Digging Out: Helping Your Loved One Manage Clutter, Hoarding, and Compulsive Acquiring," by two clinicians who deal with this family challenge: Michael A. Tompkins and Tamara L. Hartl (2009, New Harbinger).

DEAR AMY: I am soon to be 75. I am physically and mentally healthy. This week I spent a grueling 90 minutes with my dental hygienist. It was grueling because she spoke to me using patronizing and condescending tone and language. I interpret this as ageism and elderspeak. I felt demeaned, belittled, and angry.

She has been my hygienist for years and she is excellent. She may not even realize what she is doing. I wanted to say something, but part of me says that this is small potatoes on the plate of life. But I dread seeing her again.

As an RN, I am also a healthcare professional. How we speak to those in our care is important. We need to communicate in a respectful manner. Your advice? – No Plaque

DEAR NO PLAQUE: It is nearly impossible to respond verbally when you're having your teeth cleaned.

However, you have already expressed feeling dread about your next appointment. This is having an impact on your healthcare.

You should contact the office manager, and/or owner of the practice. Give your hygienist all the praise she deserves, and then accurately state your experience at your most recent appointment.

The dental practice should re-train all staff about how to communicate effectively with patients.

DEAR AMY: As a psychologist for the past 40 years, I would like to compliment you on your excellent response to "Wondering," who had been abused by her sister as a child.

Your list of the benefits of therapy were very comprehensive. I would add only one more: If she is triggered in the present by anything that causes intrusive thoughts, memories, or images of the past abuse, there are cognitive-behavioral strategies to eliminate or reduce these. – Alan Sirota, Ph.D

DEAR ALAN: Thank you for your input.

HOROSCOPE

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7, 2022

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your joy could fizz like a bottle of champagne if you become the center of attention. Allow yourself to enjoy more prestige, fun and romance. Don't overlook an obligation to a friend or a requirement on the job.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may believe you should get by on star-power and impressive selfies and work to stand out on social media. You're more likely to enjoy the new friends you'll make by just being your authentic self..

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Last can be the very best. Your more impulsive friends may change their minds quickly while you are still digesting the latest information at your leisure. Someone may pressure you to make a quick decision.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can have your heart's desire. However, you are wise enough to know that the instant gratification of your desires does not always lead to harmony with others. Make a bucket list of all your favorite goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may have an urge to follow up on a get-rich scheme. Think long and hard before investing your hard-earned money or your heart on something that is likely to be just a dream. Prove you can live up to your commitments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can easily attract attention and favorable publicity so try to be on your best behavior. Your enhanced social skills may give you the ability to instill trust. However, you can be led astray by an excess of wishful thinking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Attract attention with personal magnetism rather than glamour or spin. Be that quality person – true character and high ethics will always win out over optics. Ask for assistance so you can achieve a worthy goal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Expect the unexpected. Even if someone means well, you may need to rethink your plans if they change their mind. Concentrate on fulfilling your job commitments and keeping your promises in the workplace.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Use your individual flair to complete a task or project with style. You can make a breakthrough by giving in to your creative instincts. Adapt to a changeful environment by using your own best judgment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will be happier with outcomes if you always take the high road. Don't imagine that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence or that a financial scheme is worthwhile. Say "no" to risky investment proposals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Rely on teamwork to get things moving in the right direction – it can take a village. Even if you feel that you are going around in circles, keep on and trust that your focus and persistence can pay off with time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your prospects may be undermined by wishful thinking; a loved one or family member might have a more down-to-earth perspective on a situation. Avoid wasting time or money on unrealistic scenarios.

Opinion

SPEAK UP

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD,
but gracious words are pure.

Proverbs 15:26

The Fed's messaging needs an upgrade

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell's speech at last month's central banking conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, was brief – but financial markets took notice. The S&P 500 fell sharply as investors adjusted their thinking on how tough the Fed was willing to be to get inflation back under control.

Powell underlined that restoring price stability is the Fed's "overarching focus" and conspicuously avoided saying that higher unemployment might impede that task. Investors saw this as a somewhat new message – and indeed it was. Yet the central bank still has work to do in explaining itself intelligibly.

Back in July, after the most recent meeting of the Fed's policy-making committee, Powell emphasized his hope that lower inflation could be achieved alongside a "soft landing" – meaning that upward pressure on wages (and hence prices) might ease with little or no rise in unemployment. Lately the ratio of vacancies to unemployed workers has been breaking records, he said, suggesting that a slower pace of demand could reduce the number of openings without adding much to the queue of jobseekers.

Although this isn't impossible, cooling labor-market demand has almost invariably meant higher unemployment in practice. Powell's soft-landing ambition was therefore read as signaling reluctance to see unemployment rise as a consequence of tighter monetary policy. Powell's Jackson Hole speech squashed that interpretation – firmly enough, by the way, for Senator Elizabeth Warren to object. If a moderate rise in unemployment is needed to get inflation down, the Fed now says, so be it.

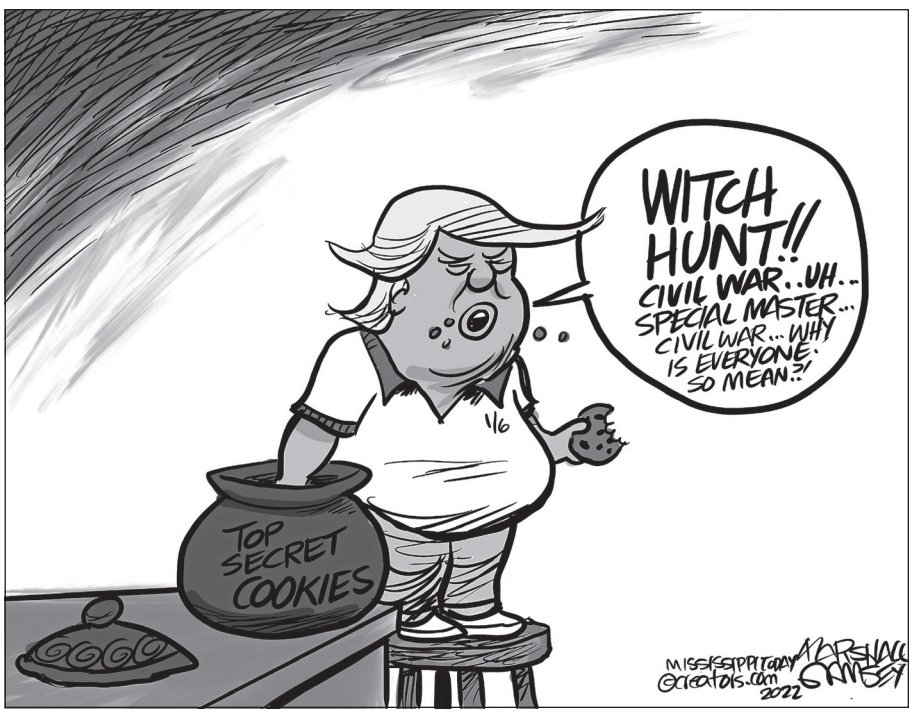
In truth, this isn't so much a choice as a matter of recognizing a hard reality. At 3.5 percent of the labor force, unemployment is currently significantly lower than its estimated "natural rate" (which neither adds to nor subtracts from inflation). A rise to between 4 percent and 5 percent is only to be expected as inflation subsides. The Fed erred in letting analysts think it ever thought otherwise.

In effect, then, Powell warned investors that interest rates could go higher and for longer than they'd previously supposed – hence the drop in share prices. With core inflation running at nearly 5 percent and showing signs of persisting, that warning seems well-advised.

Unfortunately, having cleared up one kind of confusion, Powell may have introduced another. In July he said that monetary policy had to be nimble. At a time of exceptional uncertainty, he explained, the Fed couldn't tie its hands with so-called forward guidance: Future interest rates would depend on fast-changing circumstances. That was wise. But last week's speech contained hints of a commitment to keeping rates high regardless: "Restoring price stability will likely require maintaining a restrictive policy stance for some time."

Doubtless Powell was simply trying to correct a misapprehension. The fact remains, the Fed can do forward guidance or it can be nimble, but not both. With the economy so hard to read, it shouldn't suggest there's any given path – high or low – for interest rates. Commit to restoring low inflation, to be sure, but make no promises about what this will require.

This editorial was first published in Bloomberg.



Women: Now more than ever

Destiny Wells



Like many of you, I was transfixed by the series of decisions that came out of the Supreme Court of the United States earlier this summer. I watched alongside you as decades of work to clean up the air we breathe was eviscerated and women's right to make our own healthcare decisions went up in smoke. We watch in horror as our Attorney General Todd Rokita hops on TV to fabricate criminal suspicion of an Indiana physician who helped a 10-year-old Ohio girl, pregnant with her rapist's baby. We watch together, gob-smacked at the sheer, about-face in policy that affects women's daily lives.

Now you might ask what the Secretary of State has to do with these decisions and the answer is everything. And that's exactly why I'm running to be Secretary of State – because our very democracy is in the balance. That's not hyperbole – because those who know me know that I don't have a flair for the dramatic. After all, I grew up on a farm in Morgan County, like seven generations before me, so my feet are firmly planted in a good parcel of Hoosier reality.

The fact is, women in America are facing a tough reality with the cost of childcare, gasoline, utility bills, groceries, and the cost of running a household continuing to increase day by day. On top of all that – our voices are marginalized, our autonomy is no longer our own, and the choices we make at the ballot box may further erode our ability to determine our destinies.

And this is why the down-ballot races this year will be a bigger deal than they've ever been before. Because women are paying attention. Women have the receipts. We have been keeping the receipts for every policy change, every roll call vote, every decision that's made in the bowels of our Statehouse in Indianapolis and the basement committee rooms in the U.S. Capitol – following the money on every little thing, from the biennial budget that's balanced on the backs of our kids, our low-income, and our disabled, to the supposed inflation relief that will leave out countless Hoosier seniors. The fact is, this upcoming election will be a bigger deal than ever before because women are watching like never before.

And for the first year, maybe ever, instead of intentionally excluding democracy, as we've seen through the years, Hoosier women hold the keys to a future that is inclusive of every American who believes in a robust system of elections. Women believe in the strength of our democracy and I intend on fulfilling that call for change by becoming Indiana's next Secretary of State on November 8th.

This brings me to the reason that there was simply no way I could sit idly by. I knew that this year's elections are a referendum on elections themselves. And I immediately knew that I owed it to my kids to do everything I could to fight for our democracy here at home in the Secretary of State's office – especially since I am also fighting for our nation's democracy as a military intelligence officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. Indiana's elections are too important to our legacy as Hoosiers for me to not take up this fight.

After all, Indiana is 46th in the country in registered voter turnout. In 2020 when the stakes were existentially high, 1.6 million registered Indiana voters stayed home. Hoosiers must exercise agency in the democratic process by casting a vote or risk losing democracy altogether. The last thing Indiana needs is a Secretary of State who wants to reduce early voting hours, increase bureaucratic red tape at the ballot box, and unilaterally authorize a policy of election denial. Indiana is too good for that. And so are you, Hoosiers.

Destiny Wells is an eighth-generation Hoosier campaigning for Indiana Secretary of State as the Democratic Party nominee. She is a wife, mom, combat veteran, attorney and entrepreneur. For more information, visit wellsforindiana.com.

LETTERS

Many Americans have never seen or heard of anything like Donald Trump before

Many Americans have never seen or heard of anything like Donald Trump before. While Trump's gambit for continuing power is new to America, it's as old as the hills in history.

His is an attempt to set up a different form of government without actually modifying our current Constitution. Former President Trump wants a type of government where the chief executive has much more power than is traditional or legal in America. Turns out, there is a large and willing base of support for his actions today.

Our own Bible chronicles a story about a popular wave of support for a new form of government in ancient Israel. Samuel, the ethical leader of Israel's consensual government party, was overwhelmed by calls for a king. Israel's first king, Saul, was a power-hungry, jealous figure who occasionally wanted to deal with his political rivals by disappearing them.

This is the way democracies go, especially when they lose track of what freedom entails. Athens went this way when she abandoned democracy and supported Alexander the Great. Rome went this way when she cheered Julius Caesar as he marched into the city and changed its government forever.

Is America ready to go this way today? Life is much easier under autocracy. Just chow down on beer and pizza 'til the day you die. I'm considering it. How about you?

Kimball Shinkoskey
Woods Cross, Utah

We all must do our part to prevent suicide

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. As a volunteer advocate with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, I am calling on my members of Congress to pass legislation to prevent suicides and support crisis care.

I lost my son to suicide five years ago. We all must do our part to prevent suicide.

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline must be sustainably funded so that confidential, voluntary services by trained counselors are accessible. H.R. 7116, the 988 Implementation Act, would provide federal funding and guidance to states for 988 crisis services across the nation.

An alternative to 911 for mental health crises, 988 connects callers to Lifeline centers. These centers de-escalate 98 percent of crisis calls without dispatching emergency services. Well-resourced crisis support systems can connect callers with local resources, including someone to talk to (call centers), someone to respond (mobile crisis teams), and somewhere to go (crisis stabilization centers). We must ensure that every state can provide comprehensive crisis response services to help save lives.

For more information, visit afsp.org/988.

Join me in urging Congress to take action to #StopSuicide.

Steve Mink
Columbia City

On cigarette butts in Wabash

The number one item that litters our streets and sidewalks is cigarette butts. For some reason discarding "butts" on the street and sidewalk seems to be OK, it doesn't matter. Well, it does matter. Many think that cigarette butts are an acceptable type of litter because there is this misconception that cigarette butts will biodegrade. They are made of a type of plastic, cellulose acetate, which does not degrade well. They set for up to five or more years and release toxic waste. Our streets and parks are heavily cluttered with this costly litter.

One of the best ways to limit the discarded cigarette butts is to limit where people smoke and make everyone aware of how toxic the "butt" is and how harmful it is to our environment. Our parks should be safe places for our families and children.

I have heard more than once from parents with toddlers how watchful they have to be when at the park because of the possibility that their child might pick up a cigarette butt to put in their mouths.

We can do something about that. We have to stop thinking about the "right" to smoke and start thinking about the "right" for a cleaner environment, safer parks and clean air.

I am asking that you pick up the sword to make our parks and communities safer places to live. We all have a "right" to live in a safe, healthy environment.

This has nothing to do with a person's right to smoke. It has everything to do with the right to have a healthy life that is not exposed to others who choose to smoke in public places around other people, and do not take pride in our parks, streets, and sidewalks, and just discard their cigarette butts to the ground.

The city of Wabash and Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition (WCTFC) together made it possible to discard cigarette butts in a safe and clean dispenser placed throughout the downtown area. There are cigarette butt receptacles on some of the trash bins so the "butts" do not have to be thrown on the street and sidewalk. This attempts to keep our downtown area cleaner. It is a sad affair that many do not use them as you can still see cigarette butts discarded on the sidewalks along with other trash. Also, for some reason, someone has taken one of the receptacles and the lids of three are gone.

Why is it so hard to respect the property of others and be respectful to our environment and the people around us? Whoever took the lids and the receptacle is asked to return them. No questions asked, bring them to the WCTFC office, 41 Canal St., or Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St.

Let's all work together to keep Wabash clean by disposing the cigarette butts properly and keeping the trash off the streets and sidewalks.

Dan Gray
Director, Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition

Three countries threaten world security

Three countries that threaten the interests of the United States and the security of countries in the world are China, North Korea and Russia.

China is flexing its military muscle in the Western Pacific. It has occupied and fortified isles in the South China Sea, claimed sovereignty over the South China Sea, and it continuously threatens Taiwan. It is significantly expanding its Navy to project its military power and control maritime trade routes in the Pacific. More concerning is the increased Chinese development of nuclear delivery systems, which are projected to number 700 to 1,000 deliverable warheads by 2030. The U.S. should encourage Japan, The Philippines, Australia and India to expand their military forces to deter China's ambitions.

North Korea continues to threaten South Korea and the United States, and its overall aim is to conquer South Korea. North Korea threatens the U.S. with its long-range missiles. General Yong of North Korea said, "When we shell (the missiles), Washington which is the stronghold of evils, will be engulfed in a sea of fire." We have to support robust South Korean and Japanese militaries.

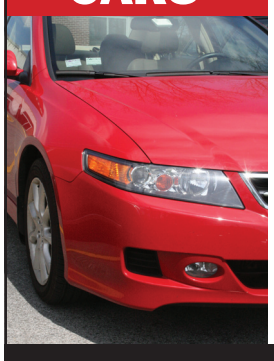
Russia's war against Ukraine foretells President Putin's desire to return his country to the days of the former Soviet Union. He wants to bring the Eastern European countries back into the Russian fold. NATO countries, including the U.S., are supporting Ukraine to halt Russian aggression. The addition of Sweden and Finland to NATO, and the military buildup of NATO countries, will hopefully deter Russian aggression.

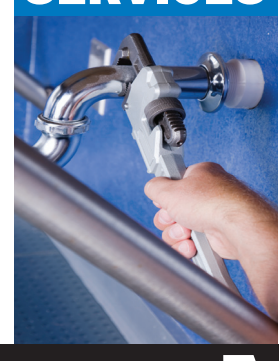
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Cause No: 85C01-1911-MF-000948
Plaintiff: U.S. Bank National Association
Defendant: Sheldon L. Jones Jr. and Teresa L. Jones a/k/a Teresa L. Harris f/k/a Teresa L. Daine, et al.
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at the Wabash County Sheriff's Department, 79 W Main St, Wabash IN, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana: **Part of Sub-division number nineteen (19) in Ewing and Hanna's Sub-division of the Charley Section to the Town (now city) of Wabash, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point three hundred fifty-five (355) feet west of the Northeast corner of said sub-division (and on the south line of Main Street); thence south on a line parallel with the east line of said Sub-division to a point on the north line of Market Street; thence west on the north line of Market Street eighty-one (81) feet; thence north parallel with the east line of said sub-division to the south line of Main Street; thence east along the south line of Main Street; thence east along the south line of Main Street eighty-one (81) feet to the place of beginning.**
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.
Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County
Township of property location: Noble
Common street address of property:
691 W. Main Street, Wabash, IN 46992
Property tax ID: 85-14-40-403-029.000-009
Attorney: Alan W. McEwan
Attorney Number: 24051-49
Law Firm: DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
Contact Number: (317) 264-5000
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PLEASE SERVE:
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BUDGET APPROVAL MEETING
September 22, 2022, Liberty Township Budget Approval - 7:00 p.m. at Liberty Township Trustee Office, 8691 S 200 E, La Fontaine, IN 46940.HSPAXLP.09/07/2022

0900

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
(Library Board of Trustees)
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the library district known as Wabash Carnegie Public Library (the "Library") that the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Library will meet in the Falls Cemetery Chapel at 745 Falls Ave, Wabash, IN 46992 at the hour of 5:30 p.m. (Local Time) on September 20, 2022, to consider the following additional appropriation of the bonds which the Board has determined to issue. The Board considers such additional appropriation necessary to meet the need existing at this time:
An appropriation in the maximum principal amount of $2,415,535, plus investment earnings thereon, on account of the renovation of and improvements to library facilities, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology in the Library district, including the incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with the project and the issuance of bonds on account thereof. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of bonds by the Library.
The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy, and a need for such appropriation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present buildings to provide necessary Library facilities in the Library district.
Taxpayers of the Library district appearing at said meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to said additional appropriation.
Dated this 7th day of September, 2022.
/s/ Secretary, Board of Trustees
Wabash Carnegie Public Library
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

WABASH NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's Sale File Number: 85-22-0023-SS
Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department Basement Miami St Entrance, 79 W Main Street
Judgment to be Satisfied: $163,488.88

Cause No.: 85C01-2205-MF-000271
Plaintiff: GITSIT Solutions LLC
Defendant: The Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Mary Lou Cartwright and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the Estate of Mary Lou Cartwright, The United States of America, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Unknown Occupants

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at date, time, and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section Number Eight (8), Township 28 North, Range 8 East, Wabash County, Indiana, being contained entirely within the boundaries of a tract of land now (or formerly) owned by Eugene A Cartwright and Mary Lou Cartwright as recorded on Page 286 of Deed Record 236 in the Records of the Office of the Wabash County, Indiana Recorder, and being more particularly described as follows:

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Containing 5.00 acres more or less.
Common street address of property: 4080 North 800 East, Andrews, IN 46702
Property tax ID: 85-12-08-400-006.000-003

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.

Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County

Township of property location: Lagro

Attorney: Nicholas M. Smith
Attorney Number: 31800-15
Law Firm: Manley Deas Kochalski LLC
Contact Number: (614) 220-5611

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seniors in "What I Would Tell My First-Year Self?" will reflect on their college experience. Oct. 24 is the second part of the Sustainable Development Goal Series. Oct. 31 is "Astrobiology, Theology and the Future of Faith" with Biblical scholar William Brown. Nov. 7 is "We Feel, Therefore We Learn" by Manchester faculty member Tim McKenna-Buchanan, who will share his journey of becoming a foster and adoptive parent and trauma-informed professor. The play, "We Own This Now," is 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 in Cordier. Nov. 14, Kimberly Kelly, associate professor of sociology and director of gender studies at Mississippi State University, will speak about "After Roe v. Wade: What Mississippi Means for America." Nov. 28, Denise Kettering-Lane, associate professor of Brethren studies at Bethany Theological Seminary, will speak about the Church of the Brethren tradition at Manchester. Dec. 5 features a student forum on "Building a Campus Food Security and Biodiversity Action Plan," where students in the Principles of Biology class will present a vision for improving food security and biodiversity on the North Manchester campus. Check https://www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for additional programs or to see if a particular program will be livestreamed, which is usually finalized within a week of a program.

Rotary Club plans Wabash County United Fund's 2022 campaign kick-off event

The Wabash Rotary Club will signal the beginning of the Wabash County United Fund's (WCUF) 2022 Campaign with a benefit 31st annual golf outing on Wednesday, Sept. 7. The event will begin with lunch at noon hosted by Miller's Merry Manor, followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. at the Honeywell Golf Course, 3360 Niccum Road. To register a team, purchase a sponsorship or for more information, call 260-563-6726 or email steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org; or call 260-563-0661 ext. 1244 or email mayes7@purdue.edu.

Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon set for Saturday, Sept. 10

The official Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon (MMT) will be held Saturday, Sept. 10. To register or for more information about the MMT visit https://tinyurl.com/3fsmth54 or email mississinewalake@dnr.in.gov. For more information, visit https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake or dnr.IN.gov.

Salamonie Lake's Senior Monday Luncheon is set for Sept. 12

The monthly Senior Monday Luncheon will be held at noon on Sept. 12, at Salamonie Lake's Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Interpretive Naturalist Anna Dennie will introduce you to Botanical Brews, teas made from native, local plants. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage, and their table service. The main dish – cheesy ham and potato casserole – is provided by Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. A donation will be accepted to help defray costs. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake or dnr.IN.gov.

New LGBTQ-plus grief support group begins Sept. 12

The staff of the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center, a service of Stillwater Hospice, has announced the creation of a grief support group for members of the LGBTQ-plus community starting Sept. 12. There is no charge to attend the meeting. Meetings will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center, 5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne. To make reservations, call 260-435-3261.

MSD plans proposed new high school referendum informational meetings

MSD has scheduled several informational meetings on the referendum including at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North; 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124; 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Lagro Community Building, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School; and 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School. For more information, call 260-563-8050 or visit msdwc.org/referendum or msdwc.org/connect.

Woman's Clubhouse to kick off new season of monthly luncheons

The Woman's Clubhouse has planned the kick-off of the 2022-2023 season of luncheons. Next month's program will host The Francis Shoppe, which will present a fall fashion show. The event has been set to begin with a luncheon at noon Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 770 W. Hill St. You will be able to see live models show beautiful, accessorized clothing during the program. The Clubhouse is delighted to have Carol's Gang hostess at this luncheon. Due to the rising cost of food, please cancel your reservation if you can not come. Members will pay $12 and non-members $13 for lunch this season. This program will fill up quickly, so call soon. For more information, call 260-990-7088 or 260-563-6613.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold September meeting

Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be on the American Constitution and learning about the American Heritage Girls organization. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned a tailgate food distribution for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Sept. 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410.

Registration is open for Leadership Development 2022-2023 cohort

Grow Wabash County has announced that registration is now open for the 2022-2023 cohort of the Leadership Development Wabash County (LDWC) program. Every month between October and May on the third Thursday, participants will attend class at various locations around the county "to better acquaint these leaders with the many assets and resources Wabash County has to offer." Tuition for this program is $700 for Grow Wabash County Investors and $800 for the general public. The tuition covers all course materials, assessments, meals and snacks provided throughout the eight-month program. Grow Wabash County will also award full tuition to one LDWC applicant through the Jim Smith Scholarship. Applications for the scholarship are due by 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 and open now at www.growwabashcounty.com/jimsmithscholarship. Those interested in sponsoring this year's program or registering themselves or representatives from their company for the 2022-2023 LDWC cohort may do so online at www.growwabashcounty.com/ldwc2223 or by calling 260-563-5258 or emailing chelsea@growwabashcounty.com.

Honeywell House presents 'Beer in America'

Learn about one of the most popular beverages in the nation when Scott Fergusson, founder of Chapman's Brewery, presents "Beer in America: From Prohibition to Craft" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Honeywell House, 720 N. Wabash St. In addition to telling the story of beer, Fergusson will share how he came to work in the beer business and his plans for future beer-centered endeavors in Wabash. The event is free, but due to limited seating, reservations are required. Reserve your spot now by calling 260-563-1102 or by visiting www.honeywellarts.org.

Salamonie Lake's Preschool offers 'M is for Migrating Monarchs'

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "M is for Migrating Monarchs" on Thursday, Sept. 15 at Salamonie Interpretive Center at the Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area (SRA), 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. Learn about monarchs and their amazing journeys. Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme. The program fee is $2 per child. Advance registration is requested. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake or dnr.IN.gov.

North Manchester Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club to celebrate 50 years

The North Manchester Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club are celebrating 50 years of existence this year with a celebration at their Sunday, Sept. 18 dance. Club dances are now held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month – from September through December, and from February through June – at Scout Hall, 108 W. 7th St., North Manchester. Once again, lessons are planned for this fall, beginning Sunday, Sept. 25. They will be held at the Scout Hall in North Manchester from 4 to 6 p.m. and will be open for beginners for three weeks. For more information, call 260-982-2814.

Wabash Christian Church plans second annual Kick-Off Sunday

For the second year in a row, Wabash Christian Church will be celebrating the start of the school and church year with a celebration. Last year Wabash Christian Church started a new tradition. September is the month when things return to normal as children return to school, families return from vacations and activities settle into a routine. To recognize the momentous event, Wabash Christian Church will be holding their second annual Kick-Off Sunday by inviting everyone to come and help celebrate the start of the church year. The event has been set for Sunday, Sept. 18 at 110 W. Hill St. The regular Sunday Church Service will be held at 9:30 a.m. After the service, a meal will be provided. Fun and games such as a dunk tank, bounce house, and other outdoor activities for the young and young at heart will be set up on Hill Street and the church lawn. Make plans now to attend this fun celebration and meet new friends. All are welcome. For more information, call 260-563-4179 or email office@wabashchristian.org.

Charley Creek Gardens to present 'Lunch & Learn' series

The Charley Creek Gardens 2022 "Lunch & Learn" series will continue at 551 N. Miami St. with Landscape & Weed Identification on Wednesday, Sept. 21; Resist Technique Painting on Wednesday, Oct. 19; and Poinsettia Cards on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Admission is free, with reservations required due to limited seating. Reservations may be made by visiting www.honeywellarts.org or calling 260-563-1102.

Manchester Civic Band celebrates a half-century of making music with concerts

The Manchester Civic Band typically holds three concerts per year at the Peabody Retirement Community and Timbercrest Retirement Community. This year will be no different as performances at Peabody Retirement Community have been scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 21 and Dec. 7. This year's Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 28 and Dec. 14. They usually perform on a semi-trailer bed during the North Manchester Fun Fest parade and at Doud's Orchard Open House in Denver, Indiana. The band will also perform at "Light up the Town" on Friday, Dec. 2 at The Firehouse, 108 W. Main St., North Manchester, to celebrate North Manchester's Second Fridays on Main for December. Practices are open to all and held weekly at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the band room at Manchester High School, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester.

Wabash High School plans homecoming celebrations

Once again, Wabash High School (WHS) has planned their homecoming celebrations, this time for Friday, Sept. 23. The annual WHS homecoming parade has been scheduled for that day, as well, at 4:30 p.m. The parade will start and end at the school. Just like last year, the parade route will begin at WHS at 580 N. Miami St., turn north on North Miami Street, turn east on West Harrison Avenue, turn north on North Wabash Street, turn west on Euclid Street, turn south on Alber Street and then return to WHS.

Downtown Wabash Farmers Market returns for its 15th season

Downtown Wabash is now seeking vendors to register for the market's 15th season. The 2022 Downtown Wabash Farmers Market will run every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon through Sept. 24 at 275 W. Market St. Vendor registration is available in drop-in, half-season and full-season schedules. Drop-in registration is $15 per weekend. Half-season registration is $115 for 10 weeks, from May 14 through July 16; and from July 23 through Sept. 24. Full-season registration is $200 for 20 weeks from May 14 through Sept. 24. To register for this year's market, visit DowntownWabash.org/vendor, email carly@downtownwabash.org or call 260-563-0975.

Ladies Golf Association plans 12th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Golf Scramble

The Honeywell Golf Course and the Ladies Golf Association (LGA) are hosting the 12th annual Honeywell Breast Cancer Awareness Scramble for men and women on Sunday, Sept. 25. The event begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start and concludes with dinner, prizes and a raffle draw. The proceeds benefit the 85 HOPE Medical Clinic Mammogram Fund which offers free 3-D mammograms to any Wabash County woman ages 40 to 64 during October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Men and women, beginners and experienced golfers are welcomed. The $60 player fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, snacks, dinner, a gift bag and prizes. A raffle of donated items has also been planned. To register, call 260-563-8663 or mail to 3360 W. Division Road, Wabash, IN 46992. In addition, $75 hole sponsorships from businesses, organizations and individuals "would be greatly appreciated." Players, hole sponsors and raffle donors must make payments by Tuesday, Sept. 20. Players are asked to make their foursomes.

Honeywell Photography Show on display through Monday, Sept. 26

The Honeywell Arts & Entertainment 2022 Photography Show will be on display in the Clark Gallery through Monday, Sept. 26. The competition has three categories: altered images, color, and black and white (including sepia tones). Participants may enter up to three pieces, all of which may be entered into a single category or all three. However, the maximum of three entries still applies. For more information, visit www.honeywellarts.org.

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Colts hoping to find answer to 8-game opening day skid

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts receiver Michael Pittman Jr. just smiles in anticipation of the next question.

He's heard it each September since being drafted in 2020 and Pittman and his teammates know it will continue until they snap the NFL's longest active opening day losing streak.

The Colts last celebrated a Week 1 victory in 2013 when Andrew Luck scored on a late 19-yard TD run to give Indy a 21-17 victory over the then-Oakland Raiders.

Since then, it's been eight straight losses with the reminders evident everywhere from talk radio to the words of team owner Jim Irsay.

Indy thinks it can finally break through on Sunday at Houston.

"I've probably heard that 1,000 times since I've been here," Pittman said Monday, referring to the drought. "We're just looking to break that streak. We're just willing to do whatever it takes."

So far, nothing has worked. They changed general managers in 2017, coaches in 2018 and players annually as the losses piled up.

Quarterback Matt Ryan, the 2016 league MVP, is the next great hope. He'll be the sixth opening day starter in six years and, like the Colts, is trying to end his own opening day skid. Ryan lost his last four in Atlanta.

It hasn't mattered who or where the Colts have played.

Five losses came on the road and the list of foes has included Super Bowl contenders such as Denver in 2014 and the Los Angeles Rams in 2017 as well as the six-win Cincinnati Bengals in 2018 and one-win Jacksonville in 2020.

Coach Frank Reich made a training camp switch this year – moving practices from mid-morning to midday, hoping the extra rest would keep guys healthy and give them a better game day simulation. With only five players starting the season on injured reserve, the first part seems to have worked.

Now comes the bigger test.

"Starting off the year in the winning column can kind of create a snowball effect going into the weeks coming after," Pro Bowl defensive tackle DeForest Buckner said. "Getting that good jump start on the year would definitely be great."

Especially after what the Colts have endured during Reich's first four seasons.

In 2018, they rebounded from a 1-5 start to make the playoffs and positioned themselves to make the playoffs last season after starting 1-4 – only to lose their final two games. The other two years they were 3-2 and a faster start would at least have given the Colts more margin for error.

But for a franchise that was often among the league's last unbeaten teams during the Peyton Manning era, it's been more than a decade since they've experienced anything close.

Nobody on the Colts active roster, practice squad or injured reserve was with the team for the previous season-opening win and only five players – Ryan, quarterback Nick Foles, cornerback Stephon Gilmore, safety Rodney McLeod and offensive lineman Dennis Kelly – were even in the league back then. New assistant coach Reggie Wayne did catch a TD pass from Luck in that 2013 victory.



Photo by Clay Maxfield / Plain Dealer

A throw-in by Kolton Wilson just 12 minutes into the game led to the Apaches' first goal.

Wabash boys soccer eases by Caston in 6-1 victory

Apaches to host Eastern on Sept. 10, before traveling to Eastbrook on Sept. 13

By CLAY MAXFIELD
Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

The flood gates opened offensively for Wabash on Thursday as they rode seven goals to a shutout win over Caston.

Wabash's win marked their third overall and second in a row after they defeated Rochester, 6-1, on Tuesday.

"We were geared up for a pretty good performance coming off the Rochester game so I wasn't too surprised that our guys came out and were just doing well with our passing and getting a lot of good looks at goal," Benysh said.

Coming off of a throw-in by Kolton Wilson just 12 minutes into the game, Jacob France drew first blood for Wabash with a goal of his own while Solomon France scored a minute later to give the Apaches an early two-score lead in the first half.

Jacob and Solomon France led the team with two goals each while Troy Guenin-Hodson dished out a season-high three assists.

Offensively, the Apaches have scored 15 goals in the last three games combined, something that Benysh believes has been spurred by the team's change in their offensive attack.

"Coming out of Valley, we changed our formation to play with a four-man midfield," Benysh said. "We played with a three-man midfield for a couple of seasons but we were really lacking a good attack on the width. … Only having two forwards up front, that's really allowed us to gain control of some games."

In quick succession, Guenin-Hodson set up goals for Jacob France and Jacob Fuchs in the second half to all but put away the Comets for good as Wabash defeated Caston for the fifth year in a row.

With a 2-2 record in the Three Rivers Conference (TRC), Wabash is firmly rooted in third place and on the outside looking in as Manchester and Maconaquah both remain undefeated in TRC play.

Thursday's game against Caston marked the first of five non-conference matchups in a row for the Apaches while they hope to get help from opposing teams to work their way back conference play however, the next four slated contests provide Wabash with an opportunity to fine-tune their changing offense.

"Going through this non-conference part of the season, this is a time for us to experiment a little bit," Benysh said. "This non-conference run, we're going to continue to mix things up. … I feel pretty confident that we can do pretty well over this stretch, definitely get ourselves on the plus side of the win column and set ourselves up really with eyes on sectional."

Wabash was shutout by Maconaquah (7-0) in their second game of the season while losing to Manchester (5-1-1), 4-2 in the last week of August.

As they move forward, the Apaches will continue to rely on Jacob France, team leader in goals, with six, while Issac Byers, with 36 saves, continues to mesh with the defense as goalkeeper.

The Apaches host Eastern at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, before traveling to Eastbrook on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

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MLB asked to voluntarily accept minor league union

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NEW YORK — The Major League Baseball Players Association asked management Tuesday to voluntarily accept the union as the bargaining agent for minor leaguers.

Bruce Meyer, the union's deputy executive director, sent a letter to MLB Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem that claimed a majority of minor leaguers had signed authorization cards.

The MLBPA, which reached its first collective bargaining agreement for major leaguers in 1968, launched the minor league unionization drive on Aug. 28. Players with minor league contracts, who earn as little as $400 weekly during the six-month season, would become their own bargaining unit within the MLBPA.

If MLB does not voluntarily accept the union, signed cards from 30 percent of the 5,000 to 6,5000 minor leaguers in the bargaining unit would allow the union to file a petition to the National Labor Relations Board asking for a union authorization election. A majority vote in an election would authorize union representation.

"Minor league players have made it unmistakably clear they want the MLBPA to represent them and are ready to begin collective bargaining in order to positively affect the upcoming season," MLBPA executive director Tony Clark said in a statement.

The union did not say what percentage of minor leaguers had signed authorization cards.

MLB did not immediately comment on the letter.

Players with major league contracts average more than $4 million and have a $700,000 minimum salary while in the big leagues. Their minimum is $57,200 while on option to the minor leagues, with a first major league contract and $114,100 if a second or later big league contract.

MLB raised weekly minimum salaries for minor leaguers in 2021 to $400 at rookie and short-season levels, $500 at Class A, $600 at Double-A and $700 at Triple-A. For players on option, the minimum is $57,200 per season for a first big league contract and $114,100 for later big league contracts.

In addition, MLB this year began requiring teams to provide housing for most minor leaguers.

Major League Baseball and lawyers for minor leaguers agreed this year to a $185 million settlement of an eight-year-old federal lawsuit alleging violations of minimum wage laws, a deal that may be finalized next year. An early estimate is that perhaps 23,000 players could share roughly $120 million with an average payment of $5,000 to $5,500, and their lawyers will split $55.5 million.

AP Top 25: Georgia moves up to No. 2, passing Ohio State

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Georgia moved up to No. 2 in the first Associated Press college football poll of the regular season, passing Ohio State, after the defending national champions dominated their opener.

Alabama remained No. 1 in the AP Top 25 presented by Regions Bank released Tuesday, receiving 44 of 63 first-place votes from the media panel and 1,552 points.

The Bulldogs narrowed the gap on the Crimson Tide after beating Oregon 49-3 on Saturday. Georgia received 17 first-place votes.

Ohio State slipped to No. 3 and received two first-place votes. Michigan moved up four spots to No. 4.

Clemson dropped a spot to No. 5.

Florida debuted at No. 12 after its thrilling victory at home against Utah on Saturday night. The Utes slipped six spots to No. 13 after the loss.

The rest of the top 10 was Texas A&M at No. 6, followed by Oklahoma, Notre Dame, Baylor and Southern California.

USC is in the top 10 for the first time since the final regular-season poll of 2017, when the Trojans were eighth.

The eighth-ranked Fighting Irish dropped three spots out of the top five after losing 21-10 at Ohio State.

Poll points

Georgia has been ranked No. 1 or 2 in 15 of the last 17 polls, with the other two weeks at No. 3.

Since 2017, Georgia has been ranked No. 2 in the country 13 times and No. 1 nine times, all last season.

From 1981 – the season after Georgia won the national title – to 2016, the Bulldogs were ranked in the top two a total of 10 times.

In

■ Florida's jump from unranked to No. 12 is the biggest for an unranked team since the first regular-season poll of 2016, when Texas landed at No. 11 and Wisconsin at No. 10 after Week 1 victories.

■ No. 24 Tennessee is ranked for the first time under second-year coach Josh Heupel.

Out

■ Oregon's humbling loss to Georgia sent the Ducks all the way out of the rankings. It's the first time Oregon has been unranked in a poll for which it was eligible since the last regular-season AP Top 25 of 2020.

■ Cincinnati dropped out after losing at Arkansas by a touchdown, its first regular-season loss since late in the 2019 season.

For the Bearcats, who made the College Football Playoff last year, it snapped a run of 45 consecutive poll appearances, which was the fifth-longest active streak in the country.

Ranked vs. ranked

No. 9 Baylor at No. 21 BYU. Future Big 12 matchup.

No. 20 Kentucky at No. 12 Florida. The first time both will be ranked when they play since 2007.

No. 24 Tennessee at No. 17 Pitt. First SEC/ACC ranked nonconference matchup of the season.

